

**REMARKS**

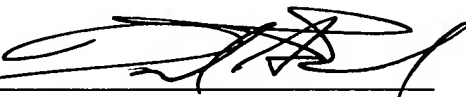
Claims 1-10, 20-23 and 27-33 remain pending in the instant application after the foregoing amendments.

Applicants note that Claims 11-19 and 24-26 have been canceled without prejudice to filing a continuation application directed to such inventions. The cancellation of those claims does not introduce new matter to the application.

Applicants also note that a section has been added to the specification which sets forth the applications from which the instant application claim priority.

If a telephonic communication with the Applicants' representative will advance the prosecution of the instant application, please telephone the representative indicated below. Applicants believe no additional fees are due but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this amendment to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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